

Irrigation projects.

641. Mr. C. Barton Wright.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the projects, if any, investigated during the past 20 years to improve the irrigation resources in the State;

(b) the expenditure incurred in connection with these investigations;

(c) whether any of these projects have been carried out; and if so, with what result;

(d) whether any of them has been abandoned on financial or other grounds;

(e) whether any of them are still under consideration; and

(f) whether they will be pleased to lay on the Table complete reports of such investigations?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) A tabular statement of works for the improvement of wet cultivation in the Cochin State is placed on the Council Secretary's Table.

(b) Rs. 68,960—9—5.

(c) Item No. 8. Improvements to Kelithodu is budgetted for this year.

Item No. 9. This scheme with certain modifications is being investigated by the Special Assistant Engineer for Irrigation.

Item No. 10 is postponed indefinitely for the present and another scheme which is the diversion of the Karuvannur river is contemplated to be taken up this year.

Item No. 11. Drainage of low-lying ~~കുറുപ്പു~~ and ~~ചെറു~~ lands in Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk. This work is found to be one of doubtful advantage and technically unsound. But instead of this work a bund across the Konath river further south to these lands is budgetted for execution this year.

Improvements to the existing irrigation systems.—For this a separate tabular statement is placed on the Council Secretary's Table. The work on the Moolathura, Thembaramadaku and Kunnamkattupathi Systems are being carried out systematically every year.

The Pothundy Reservoir Scheme will be taken up for investigation in due course.

The Thanikudam Dam.—A copy of the report on this is placed on the Council Secretary's Table.

The Chalakkudi Diversion Scheme is under investigation; work on this is possible only with the co-operation of the Travancore Government.

The Amballur Scheme.—The scheme has been completely investigated and a copy of the report is placed on the Council Secretary's Table. This work is proposed to be taken up this year.

The improvements to the Manapattu chira is now under investigation.

(d) and (e) It will be seen from the answer to (c) that definite and proper action has been taken in all the important schemes already investigated.

Item No. 12 is evidently too costly a work to be undertaken for the benefit of a comparatively small area of land.

(f) The reports on these investigations are placed on the Council Secretary's Table.

Pensioned Officers in Cranganur.

642. മാസ്റ്റർ എ. കെ. കുഞ്ഞുമൊയ്തീൻ.—കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂരിൽനിന്ന പെൻഷൻപറ്റുന്ന റിട്ടയർഡ് ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരുടെ പേരുകളും പെൻഷൻ തുകയും അവരിൽ ഓരോ പേരും കൊടുങ്ങല്ലൂരിൽ ജോലി ചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ള കാലവും അടങ്ങിയ ഒരു പട്ടിക അമുടിച്ച് മെമ്പർമാരുടെ മേശപ്പുറത്തു വെക്കുവാൻ ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ?

മാസ്റ്റർ കെ. കൃഷ്ണപിഷാരോടി.—അനുബന്ധം നോക്കുക.

(Vide Appendix V.)

Cinema in Tichur.

643. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is a clause in the agreement entered into by the Cinema Proprietors with the Trichur Municipality that band will not be played within the premises of the Thekkinkad Maidan before the *Trippuka* in the Vadakkunnathan temple is over; if so, will they enquire and state whether this rule is violated and band is being played before *Trippuka*?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Yes. The condition is being strictly enforced.

Staff of the Cranganur Excise Department.

644. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the number of aminadars and Excise peons sanctioned in the Budget for Cranganur;

(b) the number of such officers for whom pay is actually drawn from the Cranganur Treasury;

(c) the number of such officers actually working in Cranganur;

(d) the justification, if any, in debiting to Cranganur the pay of more officers than are working there;

(e) for how long has such practice been going on?